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MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION BUREAU  
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**49 CFR Parts 172 and 173**

[Docket No. HM-159; Notice No. 79-12]

**Forbidden Materials**

**AGENCY:** Materials Transportation Bureau, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Extension of time to file comments.

**SUMMARY:** On July 26, 1979, the Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB) published a notice of proposed rulemaking under Docket HM-159, Notice 79-12 [44 FR 43861] which proposes to add the names of certain materials to the Hazardous Materials Table, § 172.101, that the MTB considers to be too hazardous to be permitted in commercial transportation. In addition, the notice proposes certain changes to §§ 173.21 and 173.51 pertaining to forbidden materials and their packaging.

**DATE:** The time for filing comments is extended from October 18, 1979, to November 19, 1979.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Delmer F. Billings, Standards Division, Office of Hazardous Materials Regulation, Materials Transportation Bureau, Department of Transportation.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Two petitioners, Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association (CSMA) and the Chemical Manufacturers Association, have requested an extension of the comment period on Docket HM-159, Notice 79-12, in order to properly evaluate the proposed rules. The petitioners stated that the response deadline of October 18, 1979, was too constructive due to the fact that this comment period deadline on Docket HM-159 is shared with comment period deadlines on Dockets HM-126A and HM-171. CSMA also stated that the schedules of task force members of the Association are such that a circulation of comments to be submitted to the docket would be difficult to accomplish in a timely manner. The MTB considers this request to be reasonable and, therefore, an extension of the comment period is justified.

**AUTHORITY:** 49 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1808; 49 CFR 1.53, App. A. to Part 1, and paragraph [a][4] of App. A. Part 106.

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